

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel non-elected claims 2, 3, 7-11, 15-17, 19, 20, 24-28, 32-36, 40-42, 45, 46, 50-52, 54, 55, 59-61, 63, 64, 68-70 and 100-109 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 12-14, 18 and 29-31 as follows.

Claim 1, line 1, after "purified" insert "Staphylococcal enterotoxin B--".

Claim 12, line 2, change "4" to "1--".

Claim 13, line 2, change "5" to "1--".

Claim 14, line 3, change "6" to "1--".

Claim 18, line 3, after "altered" insert "Staphylococcal enterotoxin B--".

Claim 29, line 2, change "21" to "18--".

Claim 30, line 2, change "22" to "18--".

Claim 31, line 2, change "23" to "18--".

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

With the entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4-6, 12-14, 18, 21-23, 29-31, 37-39, 43, 44, 47-49, 53, 56-58, 62 and 65-67 are pending. Non-elected claims 2, 3, 7-11, 15-17, 19, 20, 24-28, 32-36, 40-42, 45, 46, 50-52, 54, 55, 59-61, 63, 64, 68-70 and 100-109 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1 and 18 are amended to address the Examiner's concerns on page 2 of the Office Action. Claims 12-14 and 29-31 are amended to address the Examiner's concerns under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. No new matter is introduced by the claim amendments. Entry and consideration on the merits are requested.

In the Office Action dated September 22, 2000, the Examiner objected that the claims did not recite the elected invention Staphylococcal enterotoxin B. We have amended claims 1 and 18 to do so, and have canceled the non-elected claims. This objection is now believed to be moot.